Docket No. <u>4439-4042</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Yamaguchi, Masayoshi Confirmation No.: 9751

Serial No.: 10/577,781 Group Art Unit: 1633

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For: Hyperlipemia/hyperalbuminemia Model Animal

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Official Action dated February 25, 2008, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, *i.e.*, May 27, 2008 without additional extension fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.